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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
- Description, pages:**

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
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2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

VIII.1. Lack of clarity in claim 5

The clarity problem in claim 5 arises due to the fact that the wording "the projections **engage..and reverts** to its natural shape" involves activities and it is unclear in which ways these activities are supposed to limit the respective defined devices.

Probably, the right wording for these Claims could have been respectively, e.g. "are/is adapted to engage and revert".

For such amended claim 5 the following comments would apply as to novelty and inventive step.

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US-A-5 324 303 (ORINGER ROBERT ET AL) 28 June 1994 (1994-06-28) cited in the application

V.1. Independent device claim 1

The document D1 (col. 2, lines 1-31 ; col. 5, lines 40-46 ; Fig. 1-3 : Fig. 9a-9c) is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a combined lancet and cap , the cap (5) and the lancet body (3) being integrally moulded in plastics material with the cap concealing the needle tip (7) but being breakable away from the body to expose that tip, wherein the cap is moulded with a shape that requires manual deformation (19) to fit the firing device and wherein, when removed after use, the cap can revert to its natural shape and thereby can capture and remove the lancet with the needle tip safe within the cap.

The subject-matter of independent device claim 1 (characterising part) therefore differs from this known D1 in that the cap is moulded with an elliptical open end portion which

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requires **lateral compression** in its major axial plane to deform it to a circular shape capable of fitting to the circular forward end of a firing device.

Document D1 discloses also a manual deformable cap but said cap has to be pressed through an **axial pressure** in the axial direction onto the firing device to fit said firing device.

The features defined in the characterising part of said claim 1 are not known from the prior art. Furthermore no hint is given in order to arrive to an obvious manner at the solution proposed in said claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel and involves an inventive step. Consequently claim 1 meets the requirements of Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

V.2. Dependent device claims 2-7

Claims 2-7 are dependent on independent device claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

REPLACED BY
ART 34 AMDTClaims

1. A combined lancet and cap for a lancet firing device to which the cap can be fitted to provide an apertured platform to bear against the user's skin and through which the tip of the lancet needle is momentarily projected when the device is fired, the cap and lancet body being integrally moulded in plastics material with the cap concealing the needle tip but being breakable away from the body to expose that tip, wherein the cap is moulded with a shape that requires manual deformation to fit the firing device and wherein, when removed after use, the cap reverts to its natural shape and thereby captures and removes the lancet with the needle tip safe within the cap.
2. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the rear end of the cap is non-circular, deformable into circular to fit a firing device.
3. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the cap is adapted to engage a firing device by a screw thread.
4. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the cap is adapted to engage a firing device by a bayonet type fitting.
5. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the cap is adapted to engage a firing device by a snap fitting.
6. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein the interior of the cap has opposed projections on its minor axis and the lancet body has an

abutment behind which the projections engage when the cap is removed from a firing device and reverts to its natural shape, but which is clear of the projections when the cap is deformed and fitted to a firing device.

- 5 7. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the lancet has a further abutment to the rear of the first one, the projections engaging between the abutments when the cap is removed from a firing device.
- 10 8. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in any preceding claim, in combination with a firing device, wherein the rear end of the lancet body is non-rotatively receivable by a holder in the firing device.

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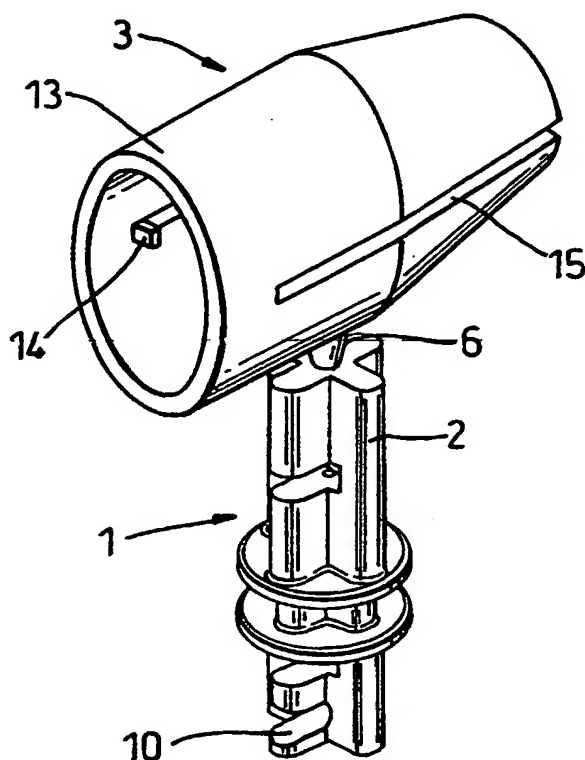
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(54) Title: INTEGRATION OF A LANCETTE WITH ITS CAPTURING AND REMOVING CAP



(57) Abstract: A lancet body (2) is integrally moulded with a cap (3) for a firing device, the cap concealing the needle tip (5). The cap (3) can be used to insert the lancet (1), which is held while the cap is twisted off. The cap (3) is then fitted to the firing device to provide an apertured platform to be held against the skin and through which the needle tip (5) will momentarily project. The cap (3) has to be deformed to fit, and on being removed and recovering its natural shape internal lugs (14) catch hold of the released lancet (1) and remove that as well.

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INTEGRATION OF A LANCETTE WITH ITS CAPTURING AND REMOVING CAP

This invention relates to combined lancets and caps.

Such a combination is described in US 5,324,303. A lancet body is integrally moulded with a cap, initially to conceal the tip of a needle largely embedded in the lancet body. This renders the tip safe while the lancet is handled before use. The cap can be twisted off to reveal the needle tip and then fitted to the forward end of a firing device, with the lancet inserted. It provides a platform which is pressed against the user's skin and an aperture through which the needle tip is momentarily projected when the device is fired.

After use, the lancet should be disposed of safely since the needle will be contaminated. This can easily spread to the cap as well, and so that should be disposed of at the same time. The firing device is not at risk, and can be re-used indefinitely.

It is the aim of this invention to provide an arrangement where the removal of the cap also removes the lancet with its needle tip safely housed inside the cap, so that both can be thrown away together without exposure of the needle tip.

According to the present invention there is provided a combined lancet and cap for a lancet firing device to which the cap can be fitted to provide an apertured platform to bear against the user's skin and through which the tip of the lancet needle is momentarily projected when the device

is fired, the cap and lancet body being integrally moulded in plastics material with the cap concealing the needle tip but being breakable away from the body to expose that tip, wherein the cap is moulded with a shape that requires manual deformation to fit the firing device and wherein, when removed after use, the cap reverts to its natural shape and thereby captures and removes the lancet with the needle tip safe within the cap.

In one preferred form the rear end of the cap is non-circular. Compression along its major axis will cause it to become circular to fit a firing device, cylindrical at its forward end at least. There are various possible modes of engagement, for example by screw thread, by a bayonet type fitting, or by snap-fitting.

Also in the preferred form, the interior of the cap has opposed projections on its minor axis and the lancet body has an abutment behind which the projections can engage when the cap is removed from a firing device and reverts to its natural shape but which is clear of the projections when the cap is deformed and fitted to a firing device. Assuming the rear end of the cap is elliptical, reducing the major axis increases the minor axis of the cross-section, thereby moving the projections outwardly where they do not interfere with the forward and reverse motion of the lancet.

It is also advisable for the lancet to have a further abutment to the rear of the first one, the projections engaging between the abutments when the cap is removed from a firing device. This will prevent the lancet moving

forward sufficiently for the needle tip to be re-exposed through the front of the cap.

The lancet body should be non-rotative in the firing device. It can be inserted using the cap as a handle, the rear end of the lancet being receivable by a holder within the device. The cap is then twisted to break away from the lancet body. The lancet body and holder will conveniently be adapted to be retained in a retracted position within the firing device when the lancet is inserted. It will therefore be prevented from falling out accidentally before the cap is fitted, and it will be properly located for firing.

For a better understanding of the invention, one embodiment will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined lancet and cap,

Figure 2 is a side view of the lancet and cap,

Figure 3 is another side view of the lancet and cap in the direction A of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a section on the line IV-IV of Figure 2,

Figure 5 is a section on the line V-V of Figure 2,

Figure 6 is a section on the line VI-VI of Figure 2, and,

Figure 7 is a section on the line VII-VII of Figure 2.

A lancet 1 has a plastics body 2 integrally moulded with a cap 3. The body 2 contains a needle 4 whose tip 5 projects into a neck 6 which connects the body 2 and the cap

3. The lancet is designed to be fired by a device (not shown) into whose forward end the cap 3 can fit.

The lancet 1 is mostly of cruciform shape throughout its length, but shortly beyond its mid-point from the cap 3 there are two axially spaced circular ribs 7 and 8 of a radius that makes them slightly proud of the cylindrical envelope of the rest of the body 2. There are various diametral and radial passages 9 and 10 left by the moulding process, are necessary for holding the needle 4.

The cap 3 is of cup-like form with a circular base 11 having a central aperture 12. From the rim of the base 11 it flares outwardly, developing into an elliptical cross-section, and at about the mid-length there is a break into a portion 13 of constant elliptical cross-section. The neck 6 is situated at this break. Internally of this portion 13 there are two opposed lugs 14 on the minor axis of the elliptical cross-section. These are at the ends of longitudinal slots 15 extending from the base 11 which are necessary for simplifying the mould.

For use, the lancet 1 and cap is inserted rear end first into the cylindrical forward end of a firing device using the cap 3 as a handle. The lancet is captured within the device by means of interference between its rear end and a spring-loaded, cup-like lancet holder. It is held against rotation by the action of internal ribs within the lancet holder engaging with the cruciform shape of the lancet body. The lancet holder itself is held against rotation but can of course move longitudinally of the firing device when

released. The action of pushing the lancet in may retract the holder to a cocked position, where it is held by a trigger device. The cap 3 is then twisted, and this breaks it away from the lancet body 2 at the narrowest point of the neck 6, leaving the tip of the needle 5 exposed. The large open end portion 13 of the cap 3 is then presented to the forward end of the firing device, the portion 13 being squeezed along the major axis of the elliptical cross-section. The nature of the plastics material and its thickness allow it to be deformed into a circular cross-section. It can then enter the forward end of the firing device and, for example, screw into it. But as mentioned above, there are other forms of engagement.

The device is used by placing the base 11, serving as a platform, against the skin, and firing the lancet so that the needle tip momentarily projects through the aperture 12. The lancet bounces back so that the tip is safely within the cap. The lugs 14 are then opposite or possibly slightly to the rear of the gap between the ribs 7 and 8. The cap is removed and, if it is an unscrewing action, the length of the thread is such that the lugs 14 will remain in or come into registry with the gap between the ribs 7 and 8 as the cap comes clear. Alternatively, if the lancet cap 3 is clipped into the front of the firing device then it may be removed by sliding an ejector of the device forwards, which then acts on the edge of the open end portion 13 of the cap, pushing it away from the device. As the cap is freed from whatever engagement it had with the firing device the

portion 13 immediately reverts to its elliptical cross-section and the lugs 14 close towards each other and engage between the ribs 7 and 8. The lancet 1 is therefore captured by the cap 3 with the needle tip safely inside.

5 The cap is lightly pulled by the rib 7 to unplug the lancet 1 from the spring-loaded holder and it can then be thrown away with the lancet attached as a single item. The rib 8 stops the lancet moving forwards within the cap sufficiently to re-expose the needle tip 5 through the aperture 12.

10 With the lancet shown, the cap is intended to fit within the forward end of the firing device. But with some re-design, bringing the ribs 7 and 8 forwards, and making the lugs 14 more prominent as well as having them not so far back, a cap could be made to fit (with the necessary

15 preliminary distortion) outside the firing device.

Claims

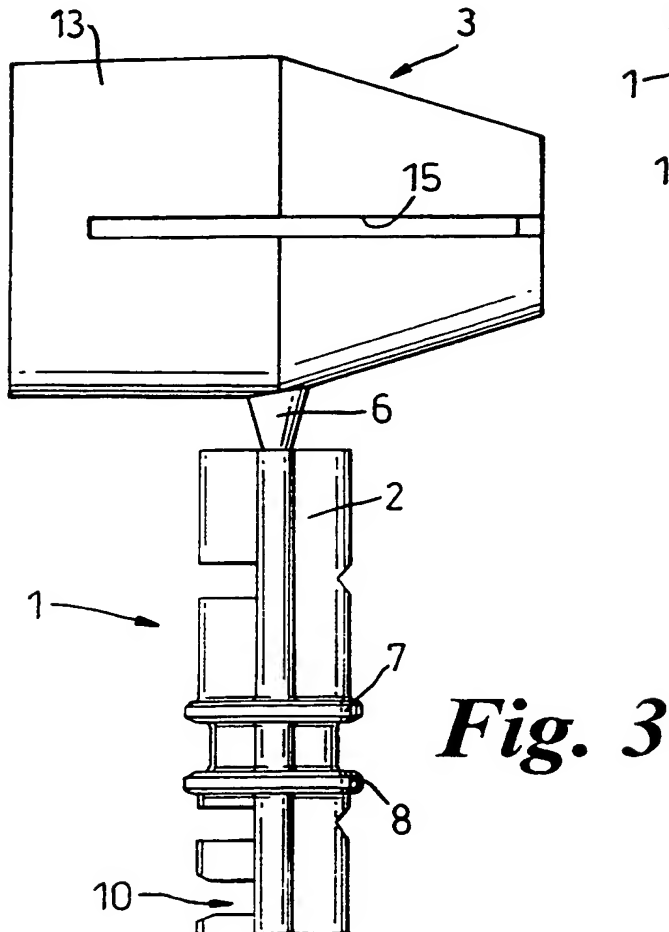
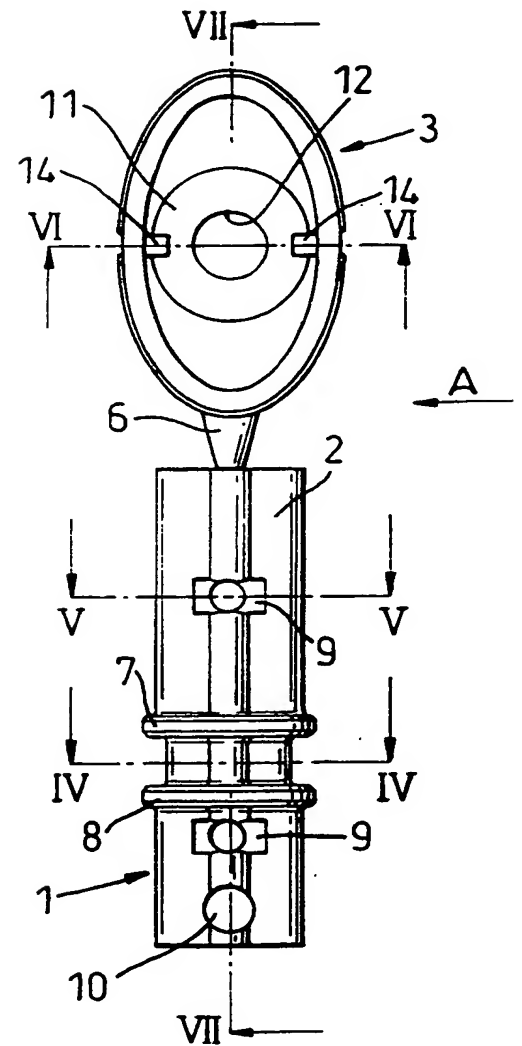
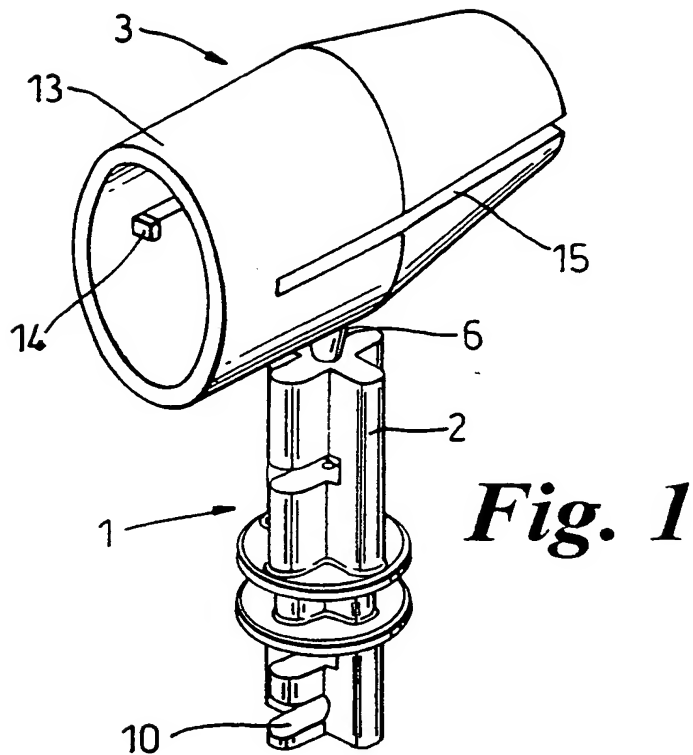
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6. A combined lancet and cap as claimed in any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein the interior of the cap has opposed projections on its minor axis and the lancet body has an

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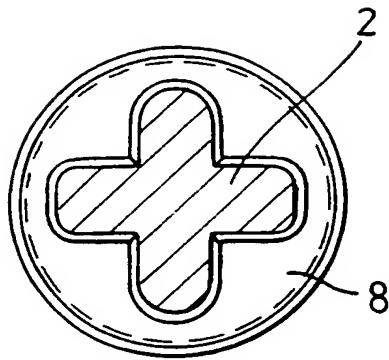


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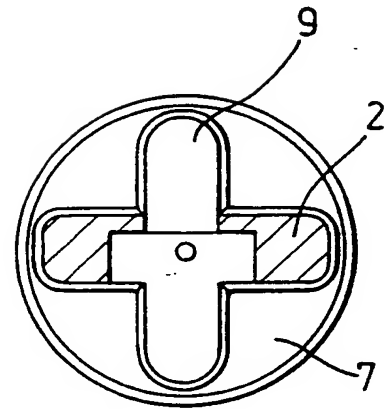


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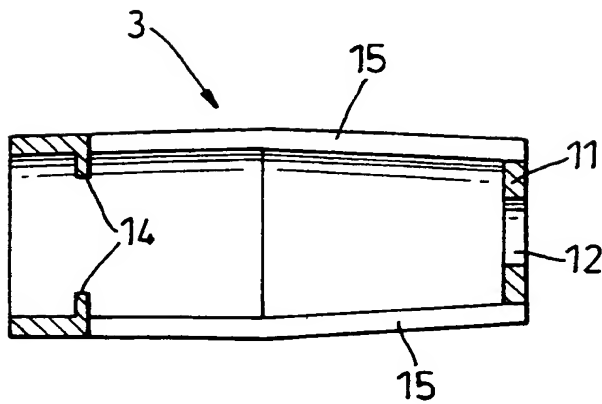


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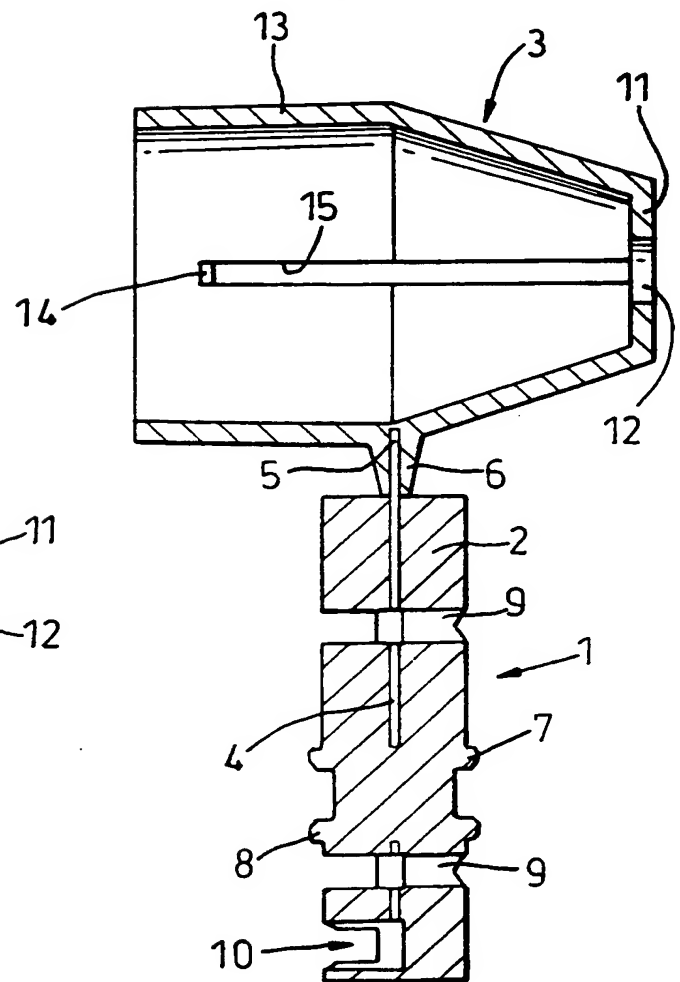


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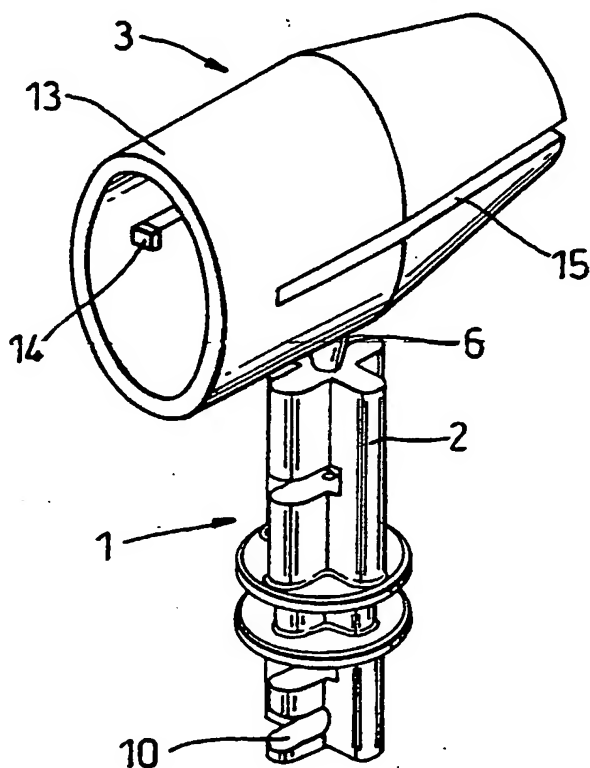
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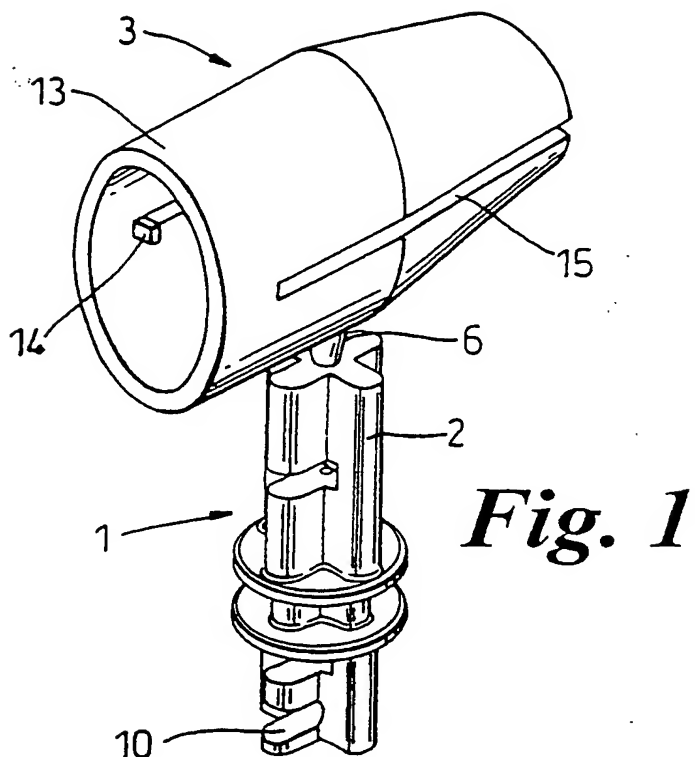


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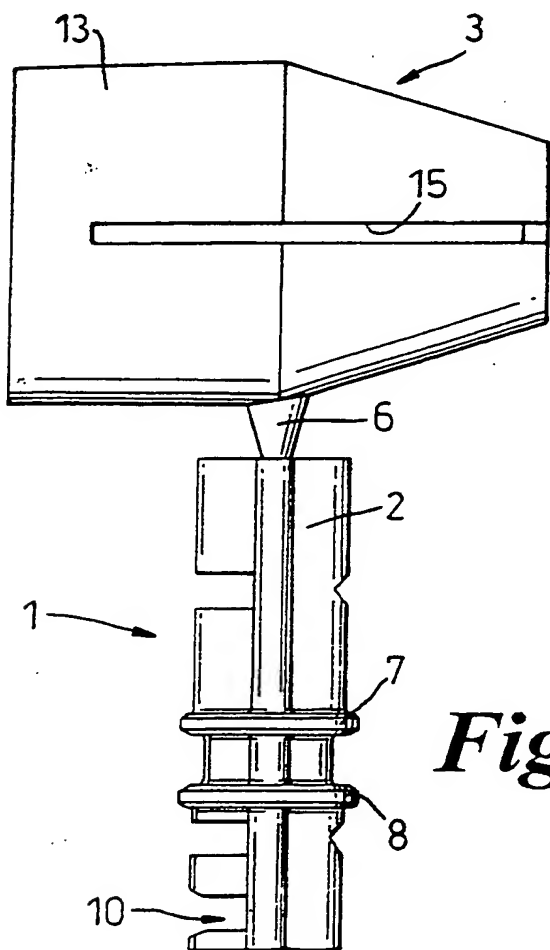


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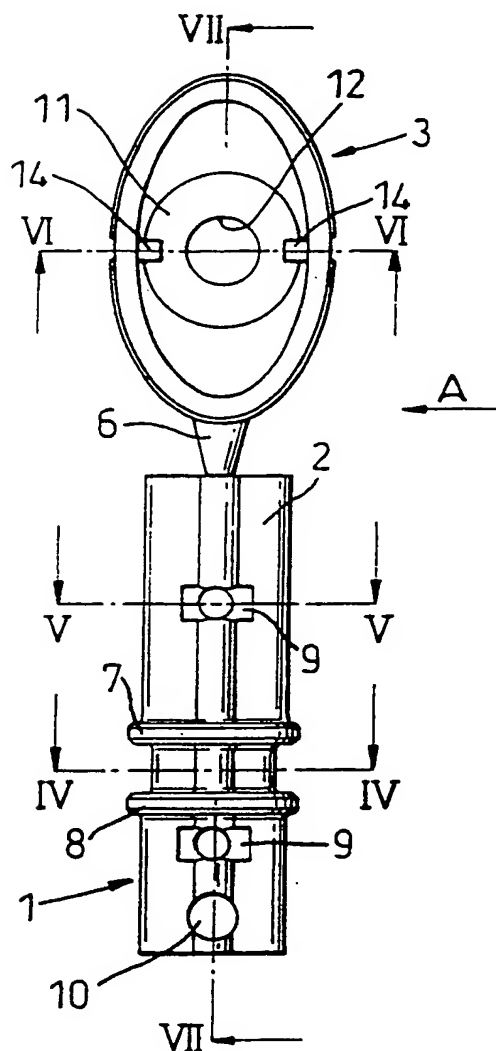
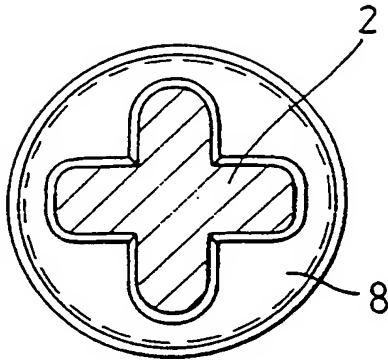
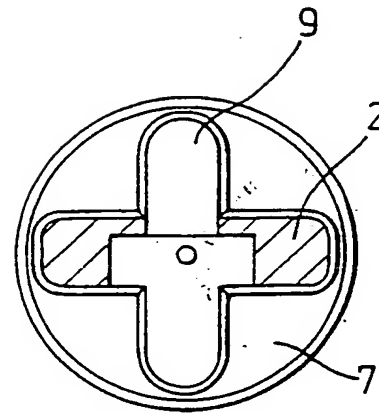
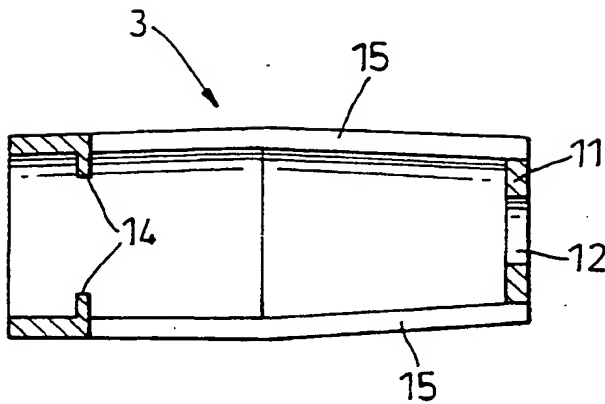
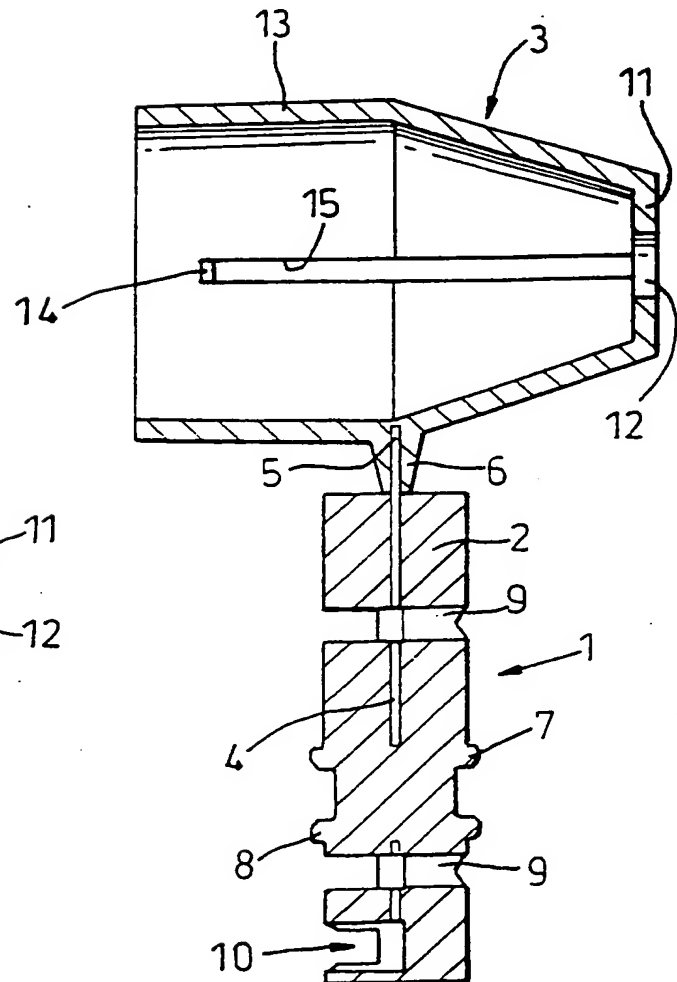


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